

THIS WEEK'S READINGS AND DEDICATIONS

Monday 4 March

Psalms 7; Genesis 47. 1-27; Hebrews. 4. 14-5.10

Tuesday 5 March

Psalms 9; Genesis 47. 28- end of 48; Hebrews 5. 11-6.12

Wednesday 6 March

Psalms 38; Genesis 49. 1-32; Hebrews 6.13-end

Thursday 7 March – Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Psalms 56; Genesis 49.33-end of 50; Hebrews 7. 1-10

Friday 8 March –Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910;

Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647; Geoffrey, Studdert Kennedy; Priest, Poet, 1929

Psalms 88; Exodus 1.1-14; Hebrews 7. 11-end

Saturday 9 March

Psalms 97; Exodus 1.22-2.10; Hebrews 8

Sunday 10 March – Mothering Sunday

Numbers 21: 4-9; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3:14-21

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BIDEFORD PARISH BULLETIN

Part of the Mission Community of
Bideford, Landcross, Littleham, Monkleigh and Weare Giffard

Our Purpose:
TO SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AND JUNIOR CHURCH
President: Rev'd Robin Pirrie
Talk: Rev'd Claire Rose-Casemore

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

8 am SAID HOLY COMMUNION
President: Rev'd Madeline Bray
Talk: Rev'd Madeline Bray

9.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP WITH THE ALL-AGE TEAM
and Rev'd Madeline Bray

11.15 am ENCOUNTER SERVICE

This church currently has a policy of not taking collections during services.

If you would like to donate to the work and ministry of St Mary's Church, we would be very grateful. You can donate at the door using our contactless machine or post cash in the slot in the same unit. If you would like to find out about regular giving, then please speak to one of the clergy or one of the Church Wardens. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Dates of Events and Meetings

Mon 4 March	9.30 am Holy Dusters 7.30 pm Bookworms at Hazel Bowden's
Tues 5	10.30 am Holy Communion (MU Corporate) 7.30 pm Northam Choral rehearsal 7.30 pm Parish Prayer in St Mary's House
Wed 6	9.30 am Music Makers 2.30 pm Justine Duhig – Talk (see below) 7.30 pm Lent Course
Fri 8 March	11.15 am Friday Diner 6.00 pm Choir practice
Sat 9	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Treblemakers 10.45 am Worship Band 10.30 am Holy Grounds (Reflections Team) 2-4 pm St Mary's Singers rehearsal
Sun 10	8 am Said Holy Communion 9.30 am Family Worship with the All-Age Mothering Sunday 11.15 am Encounter

PRAYERS

Please remember the following church family in your prayers: John Day, Gwynne Dendle, and Roger Phillips.

Hazel Taylor's funeral has been arranged for Monday 11 March at 12 noon.

Peter Christie's funeral will be on Tuesday 12 March at 1 pm.

Sheila Gibbs's funeral will take place on Monday 18 March at 2 pm.

The above funerals will all take place in St Mary's Church, and all are welcome.

TALK FROM JUSTINE DUHIG—WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH

On Wednesday 6 March at 2.30 pm in the Church, our own Justine Duhig will be coming to give us a talk about her work and what she can offer, as a Social Prescriber, working out of the surgeries within the local area.

Please spread the word, everyone very welcome. Thank you. Lorna

MOTHERING SUNDAY REQUEST

Foliage and /or flowers gratefully received on **Saturday 9 March** to make up the bunches of flowers for Mothering Sunday. If you can help, even better (many hands make light and quicker work!) There will even be the chance of cake and a cup of tea/coffee as Holy Grounds will be taking place that morning as well! We will meet at 10 am in the church. If anyone wants any greenery collected, please let Pattie Morris know.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

The first Lunchtime Concert of the season will be on Thursday, 14 March at 1 pm with Eric Singleton (Derby) with an organ recital.

There will be a retiring collection for the work of St Mary's Church.

NOTICE OF REVISION OF ELECTORAL ROLL

Before the Annual Church Council Meeting (APCM) takes place on Sunday 28 April, we need to revise our Electoral Roll.

Being on the Roll means you regard this church as a church of worship for you (and your family). You can still be a member of our Roll if you also attend other churches.

Being a member on the Roll allows you to vote on important issues for your church at the APCM.

The revision will take place between 17 and 31 March.

Forms will be available in Church from 17 March for anyone who is new to St Mary's, changed address, or think they may not be on the Roll (and are baptised and aged 16 or over.)

SUNDAY 3 MARCH

COLLECT

Eternal God,
Give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING 1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

THE SECOND READING – John 2. 13 - 22

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.